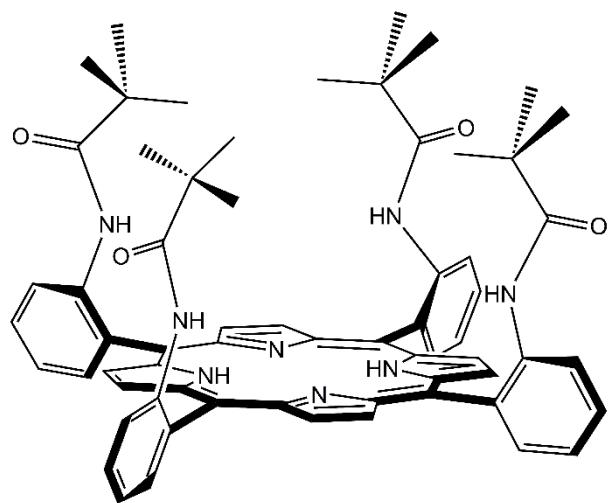


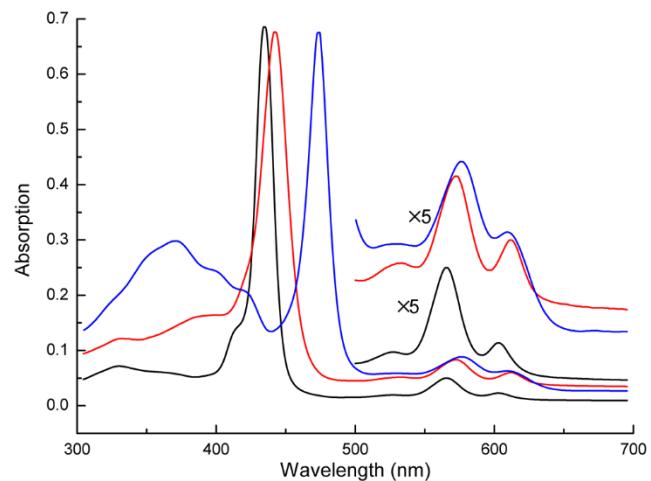
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**Supporting Information**

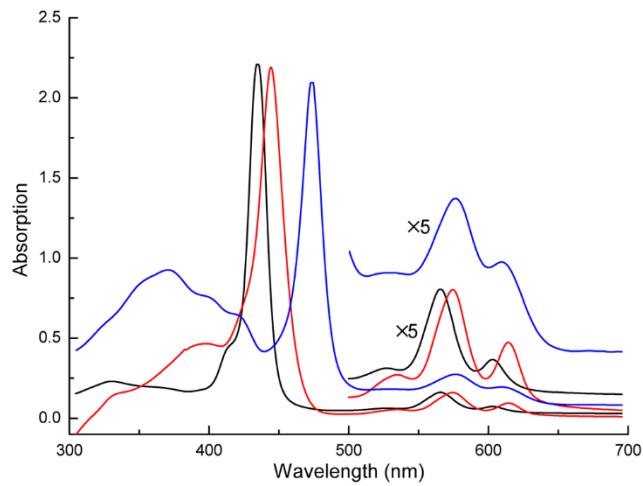
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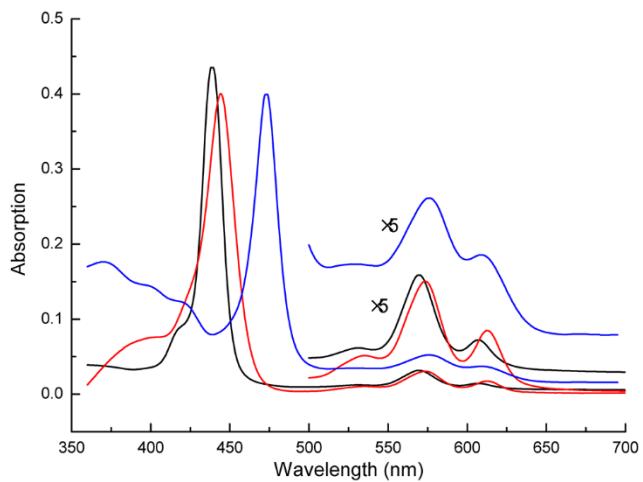
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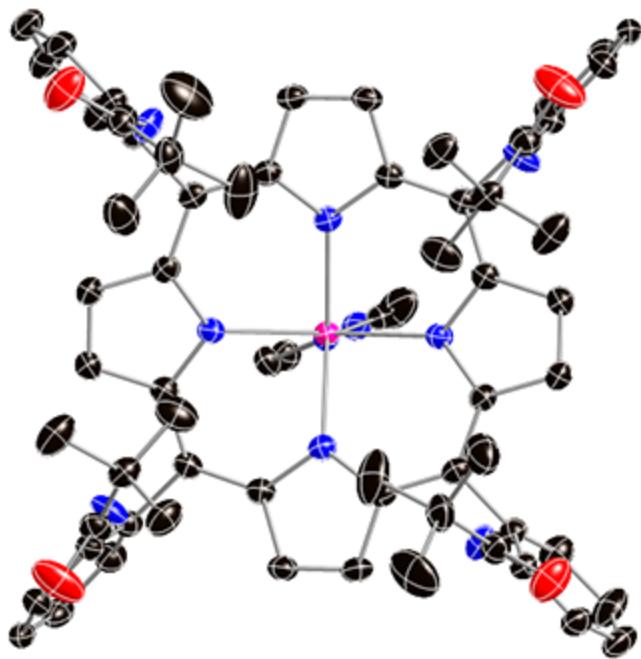
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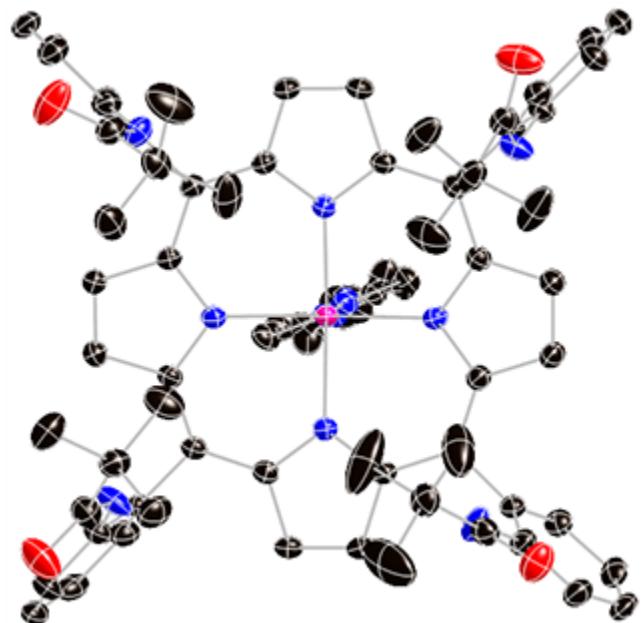
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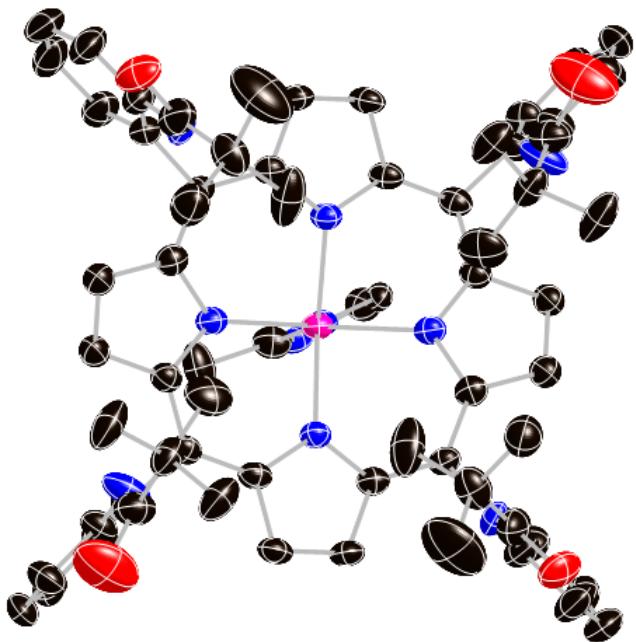
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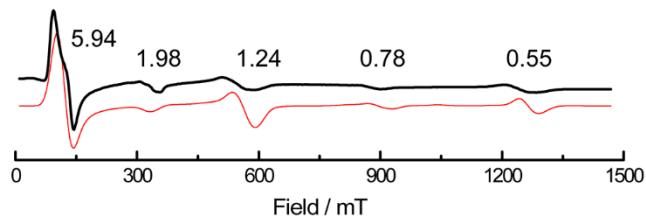
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**Figure S6.** A top-down ORTEP diagram of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TpivPP})(1\text{-EtIm})]$ , Thermal ellipsoids are contoured at the 40% probability level. Hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.



**Figure S7.** A top-down ORTEP diagram of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TpivPP})(2\text{-MeHIm})]$ , Thermal ellipsoids are contoured at the 40% probability level. Hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.



**Figure S8.** X-band EPR spectra (black line) and simulation (red line) of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TpivPP})(1\text{-MeIm})]$  (a ground microcrystalline sample) at 90 K. EPR simulation conditions. (as follow)

Simulation conditions of X-band EPR spectra

$[\text{Mn}(\text{TpivPP})(1\text{-MeIm})]$  (powder) Simulation conditions:  $S = 2.5$ ,  $^{55}\text{Mn}$  hyperfine coupling,  $g = 1.98$ ,  $A_{\perp} = 210$  MHz,  $A_{\parallel} = 270$  MHz,  $D = 20250$  MHz,  $E = 101.25$  MHz.

$[\text{Mn}(\text{TpivPP})(2\text{-MeHIm})]$  (powder) Simulation conditions:  $S = 2.5$ ,  $^{55}\text{Mn}$  hyperfine coupling,  $g = 1.98$ ,  $A_{\perp} = 220$  MHz,  $A_{\parallel} = 260$  MHz,  $D = 20800$  MHz,  $E = 104$  MHz.

$[\text{Mn}(\text{TpivPP})(2\text{-MeHIm})]$  (solution) Simulation conditions:  $S = 2.5$ ,  $^{55}\text{Mn}$  hyperfine coupling,  $g = 1.98$ ,  $A_{\perp} = 220$  MHz,  $A_{\parallel} = 260$  MHz,  $D = 20200$  MHz,  $E = 101$  MHz.